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STEWARTSVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR SELLING FIREARMS WITHOUT A LICENSE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Stewartsville, Mo., man has been indicted for selling firearms without a license.

Jack D. Griffin, 72, of Stewartsville, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury meeting in Kansas City on September 17, 2002.

According to Graves, the indictment alleges that **Griffin** engaged in the business of dealing in firearms without a license during the time period from October 27, 2001 to April 16, 2002.

The federal indictment also includes a forfeiture allegation, Graves added, which would require **Griffin** to forfeit 39 firearms to the United States -- 38 rifles and shotguns of various manufacturers and models, and one Raven Arms .25 caliber pistol.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and is not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Linda L. Sybrant. It was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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